

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 18 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 19 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 18 Mar 2023 at 04:07 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of low cloud on Saturday otherwise high for unsettled weather. High for a brief change to colder and drier weather on Sunday. High for unsettled weather with rain early next week.

Headline for Saturday 18 Mar 2023: Persistent rain, turning to snow on the tops in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 18 Mar 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability					
>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	60%	50%

Forecast for Saturday 18 Mar 2023

Weather: Low cloud and persistent rain throughout daylight hours. Rain heaviest in the morning, turning increasingly light from mid-afternoon. Patchy rain turning to sleet then snow at munro level by evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% or less.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor in cloud down to 600 metres, this likely to be more broken in the north of the area in the morning. Cloud bases lowering in the afternoon. Some brief cloud breaks in the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/33 SE	29/35 SE	28/34 SE	21/25 SW	20/26 W	24/29 W	30/36 W
900	19/25 SE	19/24 SE	18/24 S	14/18 SW	17/22 W	18/24 W	20/26 W
600	19/22 SE	18/22 SE	22/26 S	16/21 SW	18/23 SW	17/22 W	18/23 W
300	6/9 NE	10/16 SE	8/13 S	8/12 SW	9/13 SW	10/16 W	10/16 W
Glen	8/16 NE	5/10 E	3/8 SE	12/22 W	8/18 W	10/20 W	11/23 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	1/-6	1/-6	2/-6	1/-6	-1/-8	-2/-9	-3/-12
900	2/-3	3/-3	3/-2	3/-2	2/-4	0/-6	-0/-7
600	7/2	7/2	7/2	5/0	4/-1	3/-3	2/-4
300	7/5	7/5	8/6	6/4	6/3	5/1	4/0
Glen	8/5	8/7	9/9	8/6	8/5	6/4	6/2
Freezing Level*	1500m	1600m	1600m	1400m	1100m	900m	800m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note lowering freezing level in the evening, with wet ground leading to increasingly icy conditions at height. Mountain streams in spate making some crossings hazardous.

Forecast for Sunday 19 Mar 2023

Weather: Low cloud with some light and patchy rain or snow at first. Then cloud breaking up through the morning to leave most of the day dry, high cloud spilling across from the west in the afternoon. Patchy light snow will develop in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 15 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 800 metres at first across southern Lochaber and northern Argyll, this breaking and lifting to leave only patchy cloud around 900 metres by afternoon. Cloud will lower and become more widespread down to 700 metres after dark.

Temperature: Glens: 0 rising to 7 Celsius
At 800m: 0 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 metres